STAMPS.

(No. 39 to 41.)

SUBJECT No. 39.

Signature of purchasers of General Stamp papers.

Mr. G. Sivaramiah, Tumkur District Board.

Summary of discussion.—Stamp Vendors may be required to take the signature or thumb impression of the persons to whom a general stamp is sold.

Dewan.—If it is proved that the arrangement proposed is necessary and convenient, Government will reconsider their orders of 1914 and 1916 and do what they can in the matter.

Mr. C. S. Doraswami Iyer (to the member).—Do you want signatures to be taken of the man who wants the stamp papers or of the man who goes to purchase the paper?

Mr. Sivaramiah.—I want the signatures of both to be taken. Formerly, the names of both these men as well as the object for taking the paper used to be entered. There was then no chance of forgery.

Mr. C. S. Doraswami Iyer.—This is not usually done everywhere.

Mr. Narasimiah.—That is being done. In fact it should be so done.

Dewan.—The question will be considered again. We will note it.

SUBJECT No. 40.

Appointing salaried stamp vendors.

Mr. C. Chennakeshaviah, Chitaldrug Taluk, and Mr. R. Srinivasa Rao, Chitaldrug Municipality.

Mr. C. Chennakesaviah.—This seems an unimportant subject. We also thought it for some time as too small a subject to come before the Representative Assembly, but stamp vendors are not available easily and our grievance is great. Sometimes, the stamp vendor has stamp papers but says he has not, just to take a present for selling the paper. Most of us know what present is to be paid for an eight-anna stamp and what for a one-rupee stamp, etc. We are at the mercy of the stamp vendors. We want salaried men to sell stamps at specified places during specified hours.

Temporary Member.—But now is there no time at which stamp vendors are required to be present at district offices or anywhere?

Mr. Chennakesaviah.—Absolutely none.

Dewan.—So you are not pleading exclusively for salaried vendors? If arrangements are made for stamp papers, etc., being available at fixed places and during fixed hours for sale to the public it will be enough. The suggestion is noted.

SUBJECT No. 41.

Use of proper stamps for service contracts.

Messrs. Sankrappa and Siddappa Gowda, Tirthahalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Coolies from South Canara and other parts receive advances for working in the Malnad and execute stamped agreements here. Some coolies stay away in their places without working at all. The Mysore

Stamp paper executed by such persons will not be recognized in British Territory. Stamps of either country may be allowed to be recognized in both places.

Dewan.—This means inter-governmental legislation. You are complicating the subject.

Mr. Ananthiah.—If a duty is paid the document will be recognised and there will be no difficulty.

Registration.

(Nos. 42 to 43).

Subject No. 42.

Appointment of separate District Registrars.

Messrs. Karnick Krishna Murthi Rao, Magadi Taluk, B. Narasinga Rao and V. Rangaswamy Iyengar, Seringapatam Taluk.

The members urged the proposal.

Reply of Government.—The question is under consideration of Government. Orders will issue as early as practicable.

Subject No. 43.

Reduction of fee for copying registered documents.

Mr B. Ananthakesavachar, Belur Taluk.

Mr. B. Ananthakesavachar.—The fee for copying registered documents should be reduced to two annas from four.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurthi Rao.—In Munsiffs' Courts and elsewhere it is only 2 annas. In High Courts there are lengthy and important documents, and a judgment will sometimes be more than 20 to 30 pages long, and in such cases more money may be paid.

Dewan.—In registration offices, on the other hand, there will be only a few documents.

Mr. M. Karnick Krishnamurthi Rao.—There will be a hundred or more of them. And Government have not appointed any copyists separately so that it is only the clerks that copy and the money will be credited to Government. Reasonable charges therefore as elsewhere should be prescribed and not special rates.

Reply of Government.—The suggestion is noted.

Revenue Survey and Settlement.

(Nos. 44 to 46.)

Subject No. 44.

Introduction of resettlement into a taluk.

Messrs. N. S. Nanjundayya, A. Narayana Iyengar, Hassan Municipality; H. V. Rangasami, B. Alasingrachar, Hassan Taluk; S. Venkatesiah, Hassan Agricultural and Industrial Association; H. Thimmappaiya, D. Nanjegowda, B. Basavegowda, Manjarabad Taluk; Dasappa, Arsikere Taluk; M. Chowdaiya, Hassan District Board; B. Anantakesavachar, Narasimhachar, Belur Taluk; B. Anantharamiengar, Hole-Narsipur Municipality. K. M. Krishnappa, Hole-Narsipur Taluk; A. V. Suryanarayana Setty, Arkalgud Taluk.

Mr. A. Narayana Iyengar.—Until the report of the settlement officer is considered and reported on by a representative body and both the reports are discussed by the members of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council, the resettlement of a taluk should not be sanctioned.

Dewan.—An order is under consideration *re* the procedure to be adopted at the time of resettlement. The maximum and minimum rates proposed for a taluk will be notified and also the proposed regrouping.